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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Stephen M. COUTTS, et al.

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CONJUGATES OF CHEMICALLY

DEFINED NON-POLYMERIC

VALENCY PLATFORM MOLECULES

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REPLACEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002 (Paper No. 13) for which a response was due on May 10, 2002 and for which a five-month extension of time is also requested to extend the due date for response to October 10, 2002.